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Introduced by M. of A. McDONALD, ORTIZ, MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring that information be made available to parents regarding window blind safety

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2803-j of the public health law,
2 as amended by chapter 199 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. The commissioner shall require that every hospital and birth center
5 shall prepare in printed or photocopied form and distribute at the time
6 of pre-booking directly to each prospective maternity patient and, upon
7 request, to the general public an informational leaflet. Such leaflet
8 shall be designed by the commissioner and shall contain brief defini-
9 tions of maternity related procedures and practices as specified in
10 subdivision two of this section and such other material as deemed appro-
11 priate by the commissioner. Hospitals and birth centers may also elect
12 to distribute additional explanatory material along with the maternity
13 patients informational leaflet. The commissioner shall make the informa-
14 tion contained in the leaflet available on the department's website and
15 shall cause a sufficient number of leaflets to be printed or photocopied
16 to allow each pediatric primary care provider in the state to provide
17 the leaflet to parents at a child's six month appointment.

18 § 2. Section 2803-j of the public health law, as amended by chapter 62
19 of the laws of 1996, is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-e to read
20 as follows:

21 1-e. The informational leaflet shall also include information regard-
22 ing the danger that window blinds pose to children including proper
23 installation of blinds, examples of current standards and the potential
24 fatal consequences from strangulation posed by window blinds.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
26 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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